



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg; Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge William Wallrapp, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); and Chief Alex Hayes, Omaha Police Department (OPD), announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Martin Noriega-Navarro was sentenced to 210 months in prison following his conviction for conspiracy to possess, and possession with intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual); 120 months for being a felon in possession of a firearm; 120 months for the sale of firearms to a felon; forfeiture of 37 firearms; and forfeiture of \$28,4300.00. The terms of incarceration are to be served concurrently and are to be followed by concurrent terms of supervised release of 5 years, 3 years, and 3 years. A \$300.00 special assessment was also imposed. The sentence was pronounced by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge.

The arrest and conviction of Noriega Navarro was part of an 18 month investigation conducted by ICE, DEA and OPD involving firearms and narcotics. The investigation resulted in the arrest of approximately 30 individuals and the seizure of 69 firearms.

Name of Defendant: Martin Noriega-Navarro

AKA: Tio

Age: 46

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Conspiracy to Distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual) - 10 years to life,

\$4,000,000.00 fine; 5 years supervised release; \$100.00 special assessment.

Felon in Possession of a Firearm - up to 10 years; \$250,000.00 fine; 3 years supervised release; \$100.00 special assessment.

Sale of a Firearm to a Felon - up to 10 years; \$250,000.00 fine; 3 years supervised release; \$100.00 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 3609 1/2 R Street; 1919 S. 39th Street; parking lot of Los Gallos Restaurant at 20th and Missouri Streets. All are located in Omaha.

Location of Arrest: Satellite Motel, 60th L Streets, Omaha

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 122.86 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Sergio Dominguez Franco; Ignacio Lopez

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March through May 2009

Federal Arrest Date: June 2, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: July 22, 2009 (2nd Superseding Indictment); June 16, 2009 (Superseding Indictment); May 21, 2009 (original indictment)

Initial Appearance Date: June 4, 2009

Plea Date(s): October 1, 2009

Sentencing Date: February 8, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett III

Held without Bond: Yes.

In Continuous Custody Since: June 2, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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